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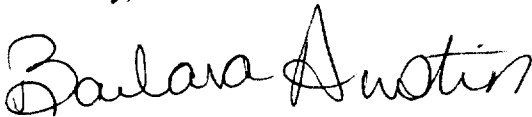
Ms. Jane Henney, Commissioner  
Food and Drug Administration  
5600 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Ms. Henney:

As a student of nursing and a former employee of a healthcare organization, I am very familiar with the decreasing rate of effectiveness of antibiotics available for human use. Recently it has been brought to my attention that antibiotics are being fed to poultry, cattle and pigs to speed their growth or counteract the effects of crowded living conditions and poor hygiene of the animals. Mounting evidence shows that the routine use of human antibiotics in livestock may diminish the drug's ability to cure infections in people.

It is the responsibility of the Food and Drug Administration to ensure that the use of antibiotics on factory farms does not endanger human health. I am writing this letter to encourage you not to allow an antibiotic to be used in livestock feed if that antibiotic is used in human medicine. Please tell me how you intend to address this issue.

Sincerely,



Barbara Austin

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